



Abraham Lincoln Photo Lab / Photo by PH3 Edward Holland

Capt. D. K. Dupouy congratulates the Reactor Department on receiving the Large Department Best Retention Level Award for the first quarter of fiscal year 2001 for reenlisting 30 people. From left to right: Cmdr. Mike Turner, Reactor Officer; MMC Billy Smith, Departmental Career Counselor; Capt. Dupouy; and MMCM Douglas Dunn, Department LCPO.

Ammo: Abraham Lincoln offloads last of its ordnance

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took four weeks to do. We have actually been planning and organizing for the offload for the last six weeks."

"In two and a half days, we logged 51 flight hours," said Lt. Cmdr. Walter Beck, HS-4's operations officer. "All of our pilots and all of our aircrew were involved, and we all received a lot of good training and had a good time in the process."

Senior Chief Boatswain's Mate Jeff Krug, Deck Department's LCPO, summed up Deck's role during the offload

in three words — "it was painful." He continued, "My hat's off to all of the people in Deck for their hard work and dedication and for having a 100 percent safe evolution."

It took a lot of work, effort, organization and planning to put together and complete Abraham Lincoln's final, homeward-bound ammo offload. With the teamwork of all involved, the evolution was completed successfully and safely. Our hats are off to those who made it possible.

History: February is African American History month

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Diver. Brashear's struggle is recounted in the motion picture 'Men of Honor,' a title which encompasses countless others who have made significant contributions to the Navy.

"During the month of February, Navy-wide participation in the observation of

African American History Month 2001 is strongly encouraged. It's a perfect time to honor our past and embrace our future as we continue to celebrate the diversity of the United States Navy," said Ford.

This year's national

theme, selected by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), is 'Creating and Defining the African American Community: Family, Church, Politics and Culture.'

An information kit can be obtained from ASALH, at 7961 Eastern Avenue, Suite

301, Silver Spring, Md., 20910; or by calling (301) 587-5900.

For information about African American History Month, access the Minority Affairs (00J) web site at <www.bupers.navy.mil/mentor>